

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, prenumbered lines 15-33, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This disadvantage will be explained with reference to a specific example. As shown in Fig. 8, while setting a toner storage container 130 into an image forming apparatus, the user grasps the toner storage container 130 with a discharge port 132 facing downward, and sets the toner storage container 130 into the imaging forming apparatus from above the image forming apparatus. At this time, the user often grasps an upper portion of the toner storage container 130, as shown in Fig. 8. If grasped in this manner, the toner storage container 130 deforms as shown in the drawing, and a fold 131b formed on an upper surface of the toner storage container 130 is wrinkled, and the fold 131b is liable to be deformed. When the toner storage container 130, which is set to the image forming apparatus with the deformed fold 131b is reduced in volume, the container 130 cannot be folded up along the initial fold 131b, and a toner storage unit (bag member) [[31]] 131 cannot be deformed into a desired, constant shape after the volume reduction.

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, prenumbered lines 1-14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the example shown in Fig. 8, because a highly rigid guide member 134 is provided on each side surface of the toner storage container 130, the pressure applied to the toner storage unit 31 due to grasping of the toner storage container 130 by the user is dispersed to some extent in a surface direction of the guide member 134. However, if the guide member [[31]] 134 is not provided on the toner storage container, a locally high pressure is applied to portions of the container touched by the fingers of the user. Consequently, the side surfaces of the toner storage container become undulated, and the fold 131b on the upper surface is

more liable to be deformed, and it is more difficult to deform the toner storage container 130 into the desired, constant shape after the volume reduction.

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, prenumbered lines 22-31, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to this invention, the rigidity enhancing member is provided on the outer peripheral surface, and the grasp guiding unit is provided on the rigidity enhancing member. With this arrangement, the rigidity enhancing member prevents a deformation force, generated by the pressure applied to the storage container when the user grasps the storage container, from being transmitted to the fold. Therefore, the fold [[3]] is less liable to be deformed and the bag member is deformed into the desired, constant shape when being reduced in volume.

Please replace the paragraph at page 27, prenumbered lines 9-29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to this embodiment, the marks are recesses or holes [[34]] 34a formed in the guide member 34, which is the sheet member provided on the outer peripheral surface of the toner storage unit 31 or formed integrally with the toner storage unit 31, and which is higher in rigidity than the toner storage unit 31. With this configuration, the user can place the fingers in the recesses or edges of the holes [[34]] 34a. The fingers are less slippery on the toner storage unit 31, so that it is possible to suppress finger slippage and dropping of the toner storage container 30 when the user grasps and shakes the toner storage container 30 or sets the toner storage container 30 to the container holder 22, as already explained. Because the user can grasp the toner storage container 30 properly even with low pressure, the folds 31a and 31b are less liable to be deformed. As already explained in the embodiment, even if

the marks are friction surfaces, each having a higher frictional coefficient with respect to the finger of the user than a frictional coefficient with respect to a surface of the toner storage unit 31, the same advantages as those explained above can be achieved.

Please replace the paragraph at page 28, prenumbered lines 25-33, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to this embodiment, the holes ~~[[34]]~~ 34a are provided in the guide member 34. Therefore, the guide member 34 can prevent a deformation force, which is generated by the pressure applied to the toner storage unit 31 when the user grasps the toner storage unit 31, from being transmitted to the folds 31a and 31b. Thus, the folds 31a and 31b are less liable to be deformed and the toner storage unit 31 is deformed into the desired, constant shape when being reduced in volume.

Please cancel the original Abstract at page 34, lines 1-16 in its entirety and insert therefor the following replacement Abstract on a separate sheet as follows: